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For your information

TO STATE FARM LABOR SUPERVISORS OF FLORIDA, GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, NORTH CAROLINA, MARYLAND, DELAWARE, PENNSILVANIA, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, VIRGINIA, CONNECTICUT, OHIO AND TENNESSEE

Subject: Atlantic Coast Migratory Movement

Virginia

Sixty-five workers were moved during the week from Northampton County into Accomac County. A total of about 250 workers will be needed until about October 1. The price of beans has slowed picking materially, and it is doubtful that additional migrants will be needed. Migrants wanting work who are passing through Accomac might stop at the placement office there and inquire about employment. No crews should be sent in from any great distance.

Maryland

Sherman reports that there are now 1,000 migrants in Maryland in four of the Eastern Shore Counties. All are employed and no more are needed. Only two camps are open. The Pocomoke Camp has 232 occupants, the Somerset Camp has only one small crew. About one month of work now remains for migrants.

Pennsylvania

D. W. Atkinson reports that Pennsylvania does not now need more migrants. However, he is making a final check and will watch the fruit and potato areas closely to see if there are any replacements required. No additional crews should be sent in without first telephoning Mr. Atkinson. The number is 711, Extension 281, State College, Pa.

New York

About 10 days ago the county agent from Erie County accompanied Nealy to Maryland and offered employment to migrants who were finishing their current contracts. Six of the crews contacted containing 229 workers have now been checked in New York. These migrants have met the last of the season's need and no more should be sent in. Seymour Vaughan has written Bill Hillman of Maryland, ".....You certainly did show what real cooperation between States means."

Hurricane Damage to Florida Camps

McLendon wires as follows:

"There was little property damage done to permanent labor camps. Some damage to school houses at Pompano and Canal Point. Pompano Camp now flooded. Present indications are there will be little work for outside labor in Broward and Palm Beach Counties until after November 1st. It does not appear there will be much delay of normal work in Dade County. Cannot get definite information on damage to private growers qua-

This information should be made available to migrants.

Northward Movement Ends

The northward movement is definitely over for the season. Employers of migrants have been well serviced. Workers have not experienced any great amount of unemployment. More information about workers have been available to employers and more about work to migrants than ever before. This has been a good season.

This letter marks the end of the regular weekly series. Other letters will be sent out as need seems to demand.

Very truly yours,

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